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This is in response to appellant's reply brief of January 31, 2003. Appellant seems to imply that the examiner has not set forth a proper motivation for the combination of Makhonine and Bell. However it is noted on page 8 of the Examiners answer line 3 there is the motivation of " since it will provide for automatic control in place of human control" which is further supported by the In re Venner decision at the bottom of the same page. Also at lines 8-9 of page 8 of the Examiner's answer is the further motivation of "All this would be motivated as stated by Bell to take the human action out and be replaced by an automated system to provide predictably, reliable and consistency." Which quoted from Bell on page 6 of the Examiner's answer in the center thereof in **bold** print.

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